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SUBJECT: CAIRNS VISIT TO NORTH KOREA

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REF- A. SEOUL 6378

B. SEOUL 6440

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT CAIRNS VISIT TO PYONGYANG DID NOT RESULT IN ANY AGREEMENT REGARDING A NORTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION IN AUSTRALIA. CAIRNS TOLD THE NORTH KOREANS HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A TRADE MISSION ACCORDING TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS (REF A) WHICH WOULD DENY THE TRADE MISSION EVEN QUASE-DIPLOMATIC STATUS. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, NORTH KOREANS REJECTED OFFER, REPLYING THAT THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT TERMS WHICH DID NOT GRANT THEM DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. NORTH KOREANS, FURTHERMORE, STATED THAT IT WAS DPRK POSITION NOT TO  
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ACCEPT A STATUS INFERIOR TO THAT OF THE ROK IN  
COUNTRIES WHERE ROKG HAS AN OFFICIAL MISSION.

2. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, TWO AUSTA-  
LIAN JOURNALISTS WHO HAD HOPED TO ACCOMPANY CAIRNS  
TO PYONGYANG WERE LEFT BEHIND IN PEKING WHEN NORTH  
KOREAN VISAS WERE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM. IN  
READING CABLE TRAFFIC, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS  
IMPRESSION THAT CAIRNS PYONGYANG VISIT APPEARS TO  
HAVE CREATED MORE ILL-WILL THAN GOOD BETWEEN THE  
TWO GOVERNMENTS.  
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